

THE STATE OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS | 2017

Few conditions are more harmful to individual health and welfare than homelessness. That's why the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to making sure every Veteran has a place to call home. Working in partnership with Federal, state and local community organizations across the country, VA provides wraparound services that integrate housing, health care, employment and education assistance programs to support at-risk Veterans, and help those experiencing homelessness exit and remain stably housed. VA and its partners have dedicated unprecedented resources to help solve this problem, but there is still work to be done. Here's how they are tackling the challenge, and how you can help.

Overarching Accomplishments | 2010 - 2016



37 communities and three states
successfully ended Veteran homelessness



47 percent **decline in Veteran homelessness**



Fewer than 40,000
homeless Veterans

Between 2015 and 2016

Veteran homelessness decreased by 17 percent. Using a host of programs and services, VA aims to make any Veteran's experience with homelessness rare, brief and one time.

What Does it Mean to End Veteran Homelessness?

Ending homelessness isn't just about housing – it's about building the capacity to sustain a coordinated, proactive effort to ensure Veterans who experience homelessness in the future can be rapidly rehoused and provided the support needed for long-term success. Communities that have effectively ended Veteran homelessness have resources, plans, and partnerships in place to do just that. To learn more about the criteria for achieving the goal of ending Veteran homelessness, visit www.usich.com.

If you know or encounter a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, connect them to the Homeless Coordinator at their local VA medical center, or urge them to call **1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)**.

Interested in getting involved?

Visit https://www.va.gov/homeless/get_involved.asp to support Veterans in your community

We know that ending Veteran homelessness is possible, and everyone can help achieve this goal. Visit www.va.gov/homeless to learn more.

2016 BY THE NUMBERS



17% decrease between 2015 and 2016. Thanks to VA's collaborative efforts with partner organizations, there was a 17 percent decrease in Veteran homelessness. *(CY 2016)*



123,000 Veterans and their family members. As a result of VA homeless programs and the utilization of HUD's targeted housing vouchers, 123,000 Veterans and their family members were **permanently housed or prevented from becoming homeless.** *(FY 2016)*



\$300 million in grants. The amount awarded in grants to 275 nonprofit organizations through Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) to help thousands of very low-income Veteran families who are permanently housed or transitioning into permanent housing. *(FY 2016)*



84% obtained permanent housing. 84 percent of those discharged from SSVF obtained permanent housing. *(FY 2016)*



More than 78,000 housing vouchers. The number of housing vouchers in use through the Housing and Urban Development - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program. HUD-VASH provides housing vouchers to eligible Veterans, paired with case management and supportive services to sustain housing stability and recover from physical and mental challenges. *(CY and FY 2016)*



More than 300 Stand Downs. The number of local events VA staff and community partners hosted across the country. Stand Downs are collaborative one- to three-day events that provide supplies and services to homeless Veterans. *(CY 2016)*



Five states – Arkansas, Kansas, Montana, New York, and West Virginia – **recorded declines of Veteran homelessness of 40 percent or more.** *(CY 2016)*